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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 6 references.
- (X) Eleven (11) sheets of formal drawings.
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	1	4,931,025	6/5/90	Torigai et al.	440	1	
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EXAMINER INITIAL		
	5	International Standard, ISO 11783-5, First edition 5-01-2001, Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry-Serial control and communications data network, Part 5: Network management
	6	Okuyama, Takashi, "Speed Control System and Method for Watercraft", Co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/675,340, filed September 30, 2003.

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